

ELECTION BOARD
September 28, 2026

Present at the meeting were:

Brenda L. Watson
William G. Lyons
R. Franklin Campbell
Sarah Geesaman
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public: None

The Election Board met on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that the Penn Township polling location would need to be changed for the upcoming election due to mold remediation at the township building. She said the Duncannon EMS building at 16 Shermanata Drive was available for use and they were willing to accept the same lease fee. Ms. Geesaman commented that she had a draft lease agreement and detailed how voters in the precinct would be notified of the location change. She stated that the township is anticipating having their building back open by the beginning of 2027.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to change the Penn Township polling location venue for the 2026 November election from the Penn Township building to the Duncannon EMS building. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Ms. Geesaman said that the large scanner model used for ballot tabulation is being sunsetted by the vendor. She stated that due to this, Clear Ballot will no longer cover service or cleaning. She did note that the current service warranty on the large scanner was good through July 2027. Sarah Geesaman stated that Clear Ballot had sent out information indicating that a service agreement could be purchased from a third-party vendor for a cost of \$2,620/year per unit. She recommended holding up on making a decision, as she had a conversation with Everound on another method and wanted to research it. Ms. Geesaman reiterated that the scanner service is still valid until July 2027. No action was taken.

Sarah Geesaman stated that poll worker training with the Judges had occurred. She noted that only two polling locations were unable to attend. Commissioner Watson questioned if the two precincts that did not attend had new poll workers and Ms. Geesaman said they are good. Sarah Geesaman did note that Landisburg Borough was not able to attend, but due to the fact they are new poll workers a separate training is being held for them.

Ms. Geesaman commented that Logic & Accuracy testing was taking place on September 29th and 30th. She said party chairs were notified in writing and it was published in the newspapers.

Sarah Geesaman said that Liverpool Township needs a Judge of Elections, and a substitute would be filling in during the upcoming election. She said she has three trained substitutes total.

Ms. Geesaman stated that 2,273 mail in and absentee ballot applications had been received. She also said that 14 military/overseas ballots had gone out, as the deadline to send them out was September 19th. She provided the following dates:

- 10/19/26 – Deadline to register to vote and/or make changes to your voter record
- 10/27/26 – Deadline to apply for a mail in or absentee ballot – Election Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on this date

Sarah Geesaman said she would like to add some additional office hours for the upcoming election and commented that she had heard there may be an uptick in on demand voting. Solicitor Bunt questioned how this process would be handled. Ms. Geesaman said she would be limiting the office space for on demand voting due to space constraints. She further explained how the flow of voters would work and said the State had provided an abbreviated application for voters that choose to do on demand voting which will speed up the process. She said the entire process should take 3 – 5 minutes. Ms. Geesaman explained on demand voting in more detail.

Ms. Geesaman requested an Executive Session to discuss a security issue.

Commissioner Watson went over the dates Ms. Geesaman had provided and asked if additional dates would be provided.

Sarah Geesaman stated that election day ends at 8:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that if you receive a mail in or absentee ballot, you cannot return it to your polling location, as they must come to the Election Office.

Commissioner Watson asked if a voter applied for a mail in ballot this year, do they automatically receive a mail in ballot the next year. Sarah Geesaman explained that if box 7 on the application is checked, the voter will receive letter asking if they want a mail in ballot the following year. She said it is not an automatic process and can be confusing.

Commissioner Watson questioned how the process works for individuals that have not voted in years. Ms. Geesaman stated they go inactive and once a voter has missed five years of elections, they receive a form to complete and return, thus returning them to active status. She further said that if an inactive voter goes to a polling location, they will be able to vote, as the poll worker will provide them with the same form they would have received in the mail from the Election Office.

Commissioner Watson asked if a candidate goes o polling locations, must they stay 10 feet away from the polling location entrance and out of the polling location. Sarah Geesaman confirmed that this was correct, and said the candidate may enter the polling location to vote, but may not stay inside after voting.

Commissioner Watson further questioned if a candidate can be inside the County building on election night. Solicitor Bunt stated that the County has always allowed candidates to be onsite and present inside the building on the Friday following election day when official results are being tabulated. He continued by saying that the current process for election night was that

candidates may not be inside the building on election night during the unofficial process. Solicitor Bunt stated that the Election Board may change this process if they choose to and said last year a candidate was inside the building and no one realized until it was brought to his attention at the end of the evening. He further noted that the current process allows one party representative from each party in the room on election night.

Commissioner Watson asked if there was a State law that supersedes this process for election night. Ms. Geesaman stated that each County may run their location as they deem appropriate. Solicitor Bunt commented that Ms. Geesaman changed the number of individuals allowed in the building on election night due to the work flow and confusion.

The Board discussed future Election Board meetings. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the following Election Board meeting schedule. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

October 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

October 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

October 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

November 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

November 3, 2026 continuous session beginning at 7:00 a.m.

November 6, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until completion of ballot tabulation

November 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Solicitor Bunt stated that an Executive Session was needed but no action would be taken.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. and the Board went into Executive Session.